

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON — HOUSTON



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**Parish Office**

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church  
10330 Hillcroft St.  
Houston, TX 77096  
(713) 729-0221  
(713) 729-3294 fax  
www.stmhouston.org

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch)

**Clergy**

Rev. Clark Sample, *Pastor*  
Rev. Thuc Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Binny Philip, *Priest In Residence*  
Deacon John Krugh  
Deacon Danny Naranjo

**Parish Staff**

Suzie Hamilton, *Pastoral Associate*  
Eloise Starr, *Secretary*  
Rosio Contreras, *Receptionist*  
Ingrid Gooding, *Bookkeeper*  
Ron Biba, *Facilities Manager*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Ryan Lambert, *Director of Faith Formation*  
Xenia Avalos, *Faith Formation, Admin Assistant*  
Mary-Therese Hafernik, *Youth Confirmation Coord.*

**Office of Music:**

Chris Bearer, *Director*, (713) 980-3111  
Jian Guang Shi, *Organist* (713) 988-9829

**Parish School**

Saint Thomas More Catholic School  
5927 Wigton Drive  
Houston, TX 77096  
(713) 729-3434  
(713) 721-5644 fax  
www.stthomasmore-school.org

**School Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Staff**

Carolina Bowman, *Principal*  
Noel Novak, *Dean of Students*  
Kathleen Prado, *Director of Advancement*  
Judy Gentempo, *Admissions*  
Anjie Ellis-Scales, *Accountant*  
Rebeka Zepeda, *Nurse*  
Andrea Osborne, *School Counselor*

**Parish Ministries**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Deacon John Krugh, *Director*

**Respect Life Committee**

Marianne Kahlich, *Director*

**Building and Grounds Committee**

Vince Stasio, *Chairman*

**Current Mass and Confession Schedule**

**WEEKDAY MASS  
MISA ENTRE SEMANA**

**Monday – Friday**  
6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**CONFESSION  
CONFESIONES**

**Tuesdays • Martes**  
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday • Miércoles**  
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday • Sábado**  
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**WEEKEND MASSES  
MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA**

**SATURDAY • SÁBADO**  
9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY • DOMINGO**  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.



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## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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Office of the Cardinal

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I chose the Diocesan Services Fund's theme *Walk in the Light of Christ*, COVID-19 had not yet affected us. Now, with so many suffering from illness, unemployment, and social isolation, walking in the light of Christ is a beautiful and appropriate theme for us all. Christ is our consolation and hope in times of distress and darkness. He is our way and our light.

Christ's light shines brightly through more than 60 ministries supported by the DSF. During this pandemic many of these ministries have been challenged to increase their services and also to find new ways to deliver those services. A few examples are:

- Catholic Charities is distributing thousands of tons of food
- San José Clinic devised curbside prescription pick-up
- Our Chaplain Corps is providing pastoral care to hospitalized patients despite extreme contact restrictions

These ministries have been on the front lines reflecting the light of Christ into the lives of those who have been especially affected by the pandemic. Your gift to DSF strengthens these important works of mercy.

The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) is leading the way for our school communities to adapt during these difficult times. Balancing between virtual and in-person classes and maintaining safe learning environments has not been easy, but our schools have done well. The mission of our Catholic schools is to form students to become messengers of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization is vital in helping teenagers live their Catholic faith. The Archdiocesan Youth Council has more than 100 members from Catholic schools and parishes throughout Galveston-Houston. Council members, now meeting virtually, provide valuable insights for me and their pastors into the joys and concerns of our young people.

Each year I emphasize the Office of Vocations in the DSF. This office works to attract, shepherd, and guide men being formed for the priesthood. Your donation and your prayers for vocations are paramount to the future of our new pastors.

I know that economic circumstances may have changed for many of you due to the pandemic, but for those who can, please give generously to DSF this year. I also ask those who have never given to consider your first gift to DSF as we walk together in the light of Christ.

Thank you for your commitment. With assurances of my prayers for this local Church, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

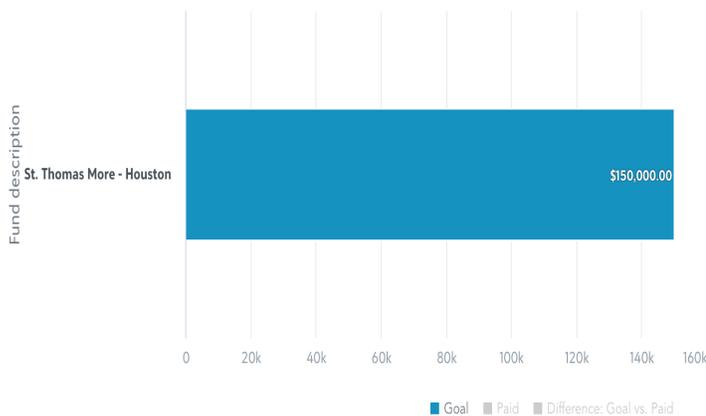
*+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

## Stewardship for January 31, 2021

Collection	\$12,840.00
Online Giving	\$9,059.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,899.75</b>

Parish(Fund) - Goal vs. Paid



*Together we accomplish so much...*

Joining together each year in support of these Archdiocesan ministries our local Catholic community helps fulfill Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone. More than 60 programs receive all or part of their funding from the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) and all funds are spent within Archdiocesan boundaries. The broad areas of ministry that receive DSF support include: Catholic education of children and adults; pastoral ministries for the sick, the poor and the incarcerated; the formation and education of church leadership; social service programs such as San José Clinic, St. Dominic Village and Catholic Charities.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 7

7:30am \*John & Mary Ngwo  
 9:00am †Reynaldo Solis  
 11:00am \*Missa Pro Populo  
 1:00pm \*Peace in our Country

### Monday, February 8

6:30am †Apollonia Nwachukwu  
 5:30pm †Erin Novak

### Tuesday, February 9

6:30am †Mieke Thomeer  
 5:30pm †John A. Coronado

### Wednesday, February 10

6:30am †Gerry Steiner  
 5:30pm †Margaret Biondi

### Thursday, February 11

6:30am †Eileen Mosgrave  
 5:30pm †Erin Novak

### Friday, February 12

6:30am \*Tigerlily Garrison  
 5:30pm \*Mike Mc Crate & Family

### Saturday, February 13

9:00am \*Renard Roy  
 5:00pm †Erin Novak & The Novak Family

† (Deceased)  
 \* (Special Intention)



*One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday.*

*Uno puede solicitar Intenciones visitando la oficina parroquial 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Lunes - Viernes*

**“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!”**

**- Pope Paul VI**

## Sacraments

Please visit our website for more details regarding all of our Faith Formation programs at:

<https://stmhouston.org/faith-formation>

### Infant Baptism Preparation

- You must be a registered parishioner or live in zip codes 77096 and 77035 to register
- Infants 6 years old and under
- Children over 6 years old require RCIA for children.
- The process is personalized to the family and we hope you will utilize [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and Zoom.
- Attendance is required for parents and is highly recommended for godparents.

Please call the Religious education office for access to our registration 713-729-3435.

### First Sacrament Preparation (CCE Only)

We have opened up the registration for First Sacraments (Reconciliation and Communion). Call the CCE office for more information regarding registration at 713-729-3435 or email [rlambert@stmhouston.org](mailto:rlambert@stmhouston.org). Your children must be completing 2 years of CCE or Catholic school to enroll. Students enrolled in the STM parish school do not need to be in this program.

### Adult Confirmation

If you or someone you know are above the age of 18 and desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, now is the time to act! Sessions will be offered in English for the Spring semester of 2021 starting January 12th from 7pm-8:30pm. Please call 713-729-3435 or email [rlambert@stmhouston.org](mailto:rlambert@stmhouston.org) for more information.



**THANK YOU STM family** for your generous support of the work we do at STM's SVdP Conference. Countless blessings have been received in our community from your gifts.



To view our full report go to: <https://www.stmhouston.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society>



### Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021

We will have the following Masses with Distribution of Ashes:

- 6:30 AM
- 8:15 AM
- 12:10 PM
- 5:30 PM
- 7:30 PM in Spanish

### Lenten Devotions

**Tuesdays, 7 - 8 PM** Holy Hour in the church with Exposition and a preached reflection, starting February 23

**Wednesdays, 10 AM – 10 PM** Exposition and Adoration in the church. Please consider signing up for an hour. This will start on February 24. Contact Suzie Hamilton at [shamilton@stmhouston.org](mailto:shamilton@stmhouston.org) to sign up for a holy hour. **This is for Lent only. The notice below about Perpetual Exposition and Adoration is for the future, when our Adoration Chapel reopens.**

**Fridays**, Stations of the Cross in the church.

### PERPETUAL EXPOSITION AND ADORATION RETURNING TO ST. THOMAS MORE

In February 1981 we began round the clock Exposition and Adoration at our parish. This has been a great blessing and we hope to revive this devotion. Many of you have been participants, giving one hour of your busy week to pray before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We hope you return! And if you have never participated, we will need many new adorers since we want to fill 24 hours each day in the chapel with 2 people per hour. **We will reopen our chapel when we have enough people registered to fill all of the hours.** We also have a new system of record keeping. Go here to create an account and sign up for a Holy Hour

[www.stmhouston.weadorehim.com](http://www.stmhouston.weadorehim.com)

Questions? Text Bob Brill at 713-598-4838

or

Edna Valdez at 713-425-9506



## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

Estimados hermanos y hermanas:

Cuando escogí *Camina en la luz de Cristo* como tema del Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (DSF), el COVID-19 aún no nos había afectado. Ahora, con tantos sufriendo por la enfermedad, desempleo y aislamiento social, caminar en la luz de Cristo es un tema hermoso y apropiado para todos nosotros. Cristo es nuestro consuelo y esperanza en tiempos de aflicción y oscuridad. Él es nuestro camino y nuestra luz.

La luz de Cristo brilla sobre más de 60 ministerios apoyados por el DSF. Durante esta pandemia, muchos de ellos se han visto retados para incrementar sus servicios y encontrar nuevas maneras para hacerlos llegar a la gente.

Algunos ejemplos incluyen:

- Caridades Católicas distribuye miles de toneladas de comida
- La Clínica San José entrega recetas médicas sin bajarse del auto
- Nuestro Cuerpo de Capellanes provee cuidado pastoral a pacientes hospitalizados a pesar de las restricciones extremas de contacto.

Estos ministerios han permanecido trabajando en el frente, reflejando la luz de Cristo, para las vidas de aquellos que han sido especialmente afectados por la pandemia. Su donativo al DSF fortalece estas importantes obras de misericordia.

La Oficina de Escuelas Católicas (CSO) lidera el modo en que nuestras comunidades escolares se adaptan a estos tiempos difíciles. Balancear clases en persona y en línea para mantener entornos saludables de aprendizaje no ha sido sencillo, pero nuestras escuelas lo están haciendo muy bien. La misión de nuestras escuelas católicas consiste en formar estudiantes que se conviertan en mensajeros de la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo.

La Oficina de Catequesis y Evangelización para Adolescente es vital para ayudar a los adolescentes a vivir su fe católica. El Consejo Juvenil cuenta con más de 100 miembros de diversas escuelas católicas y parroquias en todo Galveston-Houston. Los miembros del consejo, que ahora se reúnen virtualmente, proveen ideas y hallazgos muy valiosos para mí y sus párrocos, respecto las alegrías y preocupaciones de nuestros jóvenes.

Cada año enfatizo la importancia de la Oficina de Vocaciones como parte del DSF. Esta oficina atrae, cuida pastoralmente y guía a hombres formándose para el sacerdocio. Su donativo y sus oraciones por estas vocaciones son fundamentales para el futuro de nuevos párrocos.

Estoy consciente de que las circunstancias económicas han cambiado para muchos en medio de esta pandemia, pero para aquellos que pueden, por favor donen generosamente para el DSF este año. Y también invito a aquellos que nunca han donado a que consideren hacer su primer donativo al DSF, y así caminar juntos en la luz de Cristo.

Muchas gracias por su compromiso. Con la certeza de mis oraciones por esta Iglesia local quedo

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

*+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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Arzobispo de Gálveston-Houston